

School Protocols for USD 284 2021-22

Phases of Protection

We will use last year's green, yellow, and red phase plan for the different layers of protection with some changes which are discussed below. Last year's plan is available on the USD 284 website [Chase County Reopening Plan](#).

Safety Measures in Place:

We will continue extra cleaning and disinfecting in all phases.

We will continue to monitor and follow CCHD quarantine requirements/guidelines. Current requirements are 10 days for quarantines. Currently, vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine if not symptomatic. Close contacts are deemed as someone who has had interaction with a person who tested positive for COVID. This close contact is defined differently in schools. If the two are 3-6 feet apart and BOTH are consistently and properly masked, the close contact will not have to quarantine as long as there are no symptoms. If the two are less than 6 feet and either is NOT wearing a mask, the close contact will have to quarantine.

Students, staff, and fans will follow the community/county health requirements for the host location during activities.

Frequent handwashing and sanitizing.

We installed air purifiers in the HVAC system and filters are changed regularly.

Physical Distancing when possible.

Do NOT attend school/work when sick.

Hallways:

We will not be using the one direction hallways at CCJSHS in any of the phases.

Water Fountains:

We will continue to use the bottle refilling stations, but we will not sue traditional water fountains. Students need to provide their own water bottles.

Seating:

All classrooms will have assigned seats, and students will be in cohorts. Social distancing will be implemented when possible.

Temperature Checks:

We will temperature check student in the Yellow and Red Phases. All visitors and spectators will also be temperature checked in the Yellow and Red Phases.

Activity/Sports Attendance:

In the green phase we will not limit attendance to indoor or outdoor activities. Fans are encouraged to physical distance and to sit in family cohorts. Elementary and junior high students MUST be seated with parents and will not be allowed to run around/congregate in areas. For example, at high school football games, students will not be allowed to play football

and other games in the open areas around the field; they need to be seated with their families and watching the game.

In the yellow phase, attendance at school activities will be limited for indoor activities. Each participant family will be allowed a certain number of tickets for home and visiting teams.

Visitors in the Building / Parents Entering the Building:

Parents will need to stop at the front offices/foyer areas. Parents will not be allowed to attend classroom parties during any phase.

Guest speakers are allowed in the green phase with clearly stated educational purposes and principal approval.

Watch Dogs will be started again this year during the green phase, but volunteers will work in only 1-2 classrooms rather than the traditional 6-7 classrooms during the time. Physical distancing is highly encouraged.

Bus Travel:

According to federal order, https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Mask-Order-CDC_GMTF_01-29-21-p.pdf, students are required to wear a mask while riding any form of school transportation.

- Bus riders and drivers will wear masks while riding a bus or in any USD 284 vehicle according to safety regulations for health.
 - Exception: When the driver is alone in the vehicle, masks are not required.
- All activity participants and drivers in school vehicles will wear masks according to safety regulations for health.

Lockers:

Lockers will be optional at the CCJSHS. Students will need to request a locker if wanted. Students are encouraged to carry their items in backpacks. Lockers will be available for use at CCES with lockers assignments spaced out and each class given scheduled access to avoid exposure.

Before school:

Students will have designated areas to gather in cohorts before the bell rings to start the day.

Meals:

Students will eat free again this year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for those wishing to eat. Seating will be monitored and cohorted during meals if physical distancing is not possible. During the yellow phase, students will eat in classrooms as needed.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will not be option. Students who choose not to attend school in the buildings

have the opportunity to enroll in the Chase County – Greenbush Virtual Academy. The USD #284 Virtual Learning Program provides a meaningful learning experience with a highly-qualified teacher. USD #284 Virtual Learning Program is established in partnership with Greenbush Educational Services and delivers curriculum through Edgenuity. Enrollment must have USD #284 administrative approval. Enrollment in this program can range from 1 class to fulltime. If a student plans to participate in a KSHSAA activity, the student must enroll in 3 consecutive classes in the building.

Students must enroll in the program by semester. The cutoff day for the first semester is September 1. Final decisions MUST be made by that day. For the second semester, the cut off day is January 7.

Remote learning for quarantined students will not be an option. Schools will send homework home to quarantined students to complete. As needed, students/parents can reach out to teachers with questions via email. Staff members will also work to contact the quarantined students and families.

Modified Quarantines

When possible, the school will continue to do modified quarantines as we did in 2020-21. Modified quarantines are for groups of students who are quarantined because of exposure to the same positive COVID case on the same day. Modified quarantines may meet in an alternate location in the community or in a different area of the building that is strictly separated from other students. Each person in the modified quarantine will arrive later and leave earlier than the rest of the student body. A teacher/staff member is in the location and works with the students. Parents must provide transportation. Physical distancing is required and quarantined students have their own designated restroom. Attendance in modified quarantines is not required, but we will not be offering remote learning.

Masks

Green Phase: Optional

Yellow Phase: If in a cohorted group, masks are not required, but masks must be worn if the student(s) leave the cohort room and are inside the building. Masks are not required when outside. Masks are required for fans attending indoor activities and for team members (including coaches) who are on the bench during the yellow phase.

The USD 284 Board of Education will continue to monitor current local and state conditions and to meet with the local health department. We will inform stakeholders as needed.

*This document designed to work with the changing situations created by the pandemic and is subject to change. In the event that a situation or circumstance arises that has the potential to cause harm to students, staff, and/or visitors at Chase County or has the potential to cause disruption to daily

operations, the USD 284 Board of Education has authority to make decisions which may require students, staff, and visitors to wear protective masks or be required to follow health & safety guidelines that is deemed in best interest of the school district. Action by the USD 284 Board of Education may also include closing of district and school facilities, limiting public and/or staff access to district and school facilities.

**County, state, or federal mandates supersede operational guidelines outlined in this document.